



**Michigan Osteopathic
Association**



October 17, 2007

To: House Insurance Committee Members
From: Michigan Osteopathic Association
Re: House Bills 5282-5285

On behalf of its nearly 6,000 physician and medical student members, the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) urges the members of the House Insurance Committee to exercise due diligence in its consideration of House Bills 5282 through 5285, scheduled for hearing on October 17, 2007.

The proposed legislation would fundamentally alter Michigan's insurance environment. Therefore, we believe it to be in the best interest of all Michigan citizens to ensure a comprehensive and public deliberation of the contents of the legislation.

The MOA is we are unable to offer any position on this package due to the inadequate time for review. There can be no doubt that this legislation is of a magnitude requiring due diligence on the part of the legislature; due diligence that supports the opportunity for interested stakeholders to have adequate time to conduct a comprehensive review of the complex language contained in the more than 50-pages that make up this legislation.

We believe that the legislature would best represent their constituents by taking a long and critical look at the proposal. Michigan can ill afford a negative impact on an already tenuous economic condition by discouraging taxpaying companies from remaining in Michigan.

This issue is too significant and complex to rush through the first committee of the first chamber. We would ask that you use the committee process as the appropriate forum to encourage open, meaningful and comprehensive dialogue by all stakeholders before taking a vote. This will at least ensure all interested parties have had the opportunity to appropriately weigh in on the debate.

We thank you in advance for your consideration.